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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-20 of the above-identified US Patent Application, with the result that claims 1, 3-5, 14, and 16-20 were rejected under 35 USC §102 and/or 35 USC §103, claims 6-13 were allowed, and dependent claims 2 and 15 (which depend from independent claims 1 and 14, respectively) were deemed to recite allowable subject matter.

In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 14 to incorporate allowable subject matter from their respective dependent claims 2 and 15 in response to the Examiner's explanation that "the limitation 'consisting essentially of platinum' is considered to overcome the prior art. The prior art of record does to teach or provide motivation for this embodiment." Dependent claims 2 and 15 have been amended to delete the subject matter incorporated into their parent claims 1 and 14.


In view of the above, Applicants believe that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that their patent application be given favorable reconsideration.

Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to any matter now of

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